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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Emily Bernhardt

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 23-34, 36 and 37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-22 and 37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/673,089.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/20/03 & 12/5/03.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

Applicant's election without traverse of I in the reply filed on 10/27/06 is acknowledged.

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is too lengthy. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claims 20-22 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for subject matter within scope of claims 21-22 that are 2,3-disubstituted pyridines as set forth in the specification, does not reasonably provide enablement for scope permitted in main claim 20 which reads on 2,4 and 2,5 and 2,6 disubstituted analogs as well as the scope of B rings coupled with A permutations. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it

pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Said "B" rings along with A substitution are so structurally dissimilar as to be chemically non-equivalent and there is no basis in the prior art for assuming the same. Note In re Surrey 151 USPQ 724 regarding sufficiency of disclosure for a Markush group. Also see MPEP 2164.03 for enablement requirements in cases directed to structure-sensitive arts such as the pharmaceutical art. Also note the criteria for enablement as set out in In re Wands cited in MPEP 2164.01(a), August 2000 edition which considers such factors as:

1. Breadth of the claims- the claims cover compounds easily in the millions given the scope of "B" rings permitted coupled with remaining variables compared to what has been made and tested;

2. Level of unpredictability in the art - the invention is pharmaceutical in nature involving inhibitory activity of one or more cysteine proteases, namely calpain I or II and cathepsin B. It is well established that "the scope of enablement varies inversely with the degree of unpredictability of the factors involved" and physiological activity is generally considered to be unpredictable. See In re Fisher 166 USPQ 18;

3) Direction or guidance- as stated above the compounds made and indicated as assay-tested are much closer to each other than to remaining scope as they are always 2,3 disubstituted with B as phenyl and D is mainly ethenyl but other linkers are also exemplified;

4) State of the prior art- The compounds are pyridinecarboxamides with a C(O)R₄ methyl terminus and having a variety of "B" rings attached to the central ring by way of various linkers or directly attached. Said rings are in turn further substituted or A/B can form a tetrahydroisoquinoline ring system. No such compounds are known based on the art of record and from a structure search much less having the same activities as herein;

5) Working examples- Although it is stated that the compounds have been tested on p.15, no actual test data has been presented and thus no clear evaluation of what other type of rings out of the many claimed might affect potency to a large or small degree.

In view of the above considerations, this rejection is being applied.

Applicants' IDS of 10/20/03 has been considered. There is no sheet 2 yet it is indicated that 3 sheets should be present. The same applies to the IDS of 12/5/03. The latter is not being considered since the citations do not correspond to the publication dates and/or applicant indicated. These

appear to have typos in the foreign documents as they are very similar to earlier references cited in the 10/20/03 IDS. The NPL entry is a duplicate of an earlier cite.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emily Bernhardt whose telephone number is 571-272-0664.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the acting supervisor for AU 1624, James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.



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